

# CLYDESIDE



## HUNT

*Red Fox*

## SABOTEURS

CLYDESDALE

SAVING THE FOX - ACTION AGAINST BLOODSPORTS



*Clydeside Hunt Saboteurs*



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Introduction - Clydeside Hunt Saboteurs have been operative in Renfrewshire since 1981. Our group is affiliated to the national Hunt Saboteurs Association and we engage in direct, but peaceful, action to save the lives of hunted animals in Renfrewshire - many people do not realise how much hunting goes on in the countryside around Glasgow and Paisley. The Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire Foxhunt is based in the village of Houston, near Paisley and they hunt from September to March every Saturday and Tuesday.



Hunt Saboteurs fight for wildlife in the very fields where it is threatened, harassed and mutilated by unimaginative human beings in the name of sport. Our objective is to make blood-sports unworkable, impractical and obsolete through a campaign of NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION. Our short term aim in our area is to

save as many animals from the hunt as possible, whilst drawing people's attention to the sadistic practice of foxhunting and, in the longer term, to hasten the day when bloodsports are abolished by law: until then, as Ian Noble states in "Scots Magazine", "We foxhunt Saboteurs decided that direct intervention was the only effective way to even up the odds a little."

Foxhunting is a cruel and unnecessary practice which has no place in a genuinely civilised society. Scientific and ecological research has proved conclusively that foxes are NOT a pest, their species does NOT require any form of human control and, contrary to myths perpetuated by hunters (to justify their sordid 'sport') foxes do infinitely more GOOD than harm in our countryside.

This however is not a report on the arguments against foxhunting, but rather, on the actions of Clydeside Hunt Saboteurs over a full hunting season and an analysis of our effect.....

CUBHUNTING - It is NOT natural for hounds to hunt foxes; they must be trained to do this - the activity is known as 'cubbing', which basically means the hunt killing as many young foxes as possible to ensure the hounds acquire a taste for blood.



In Renfrewshire, cubhunting commences in September and lasts until the end of October. This season Clydeside Hunt Saboteurs attended all the hunt's Saturday meets and were so successful that, not only were no young foxes killed, but the Lanarkshire/

## The education of a foxhound

Sir.— In about two months' time foxhunting will be rearing its bloody head up again in the Scottish countryside as well as most other parts of Britain. The opening hunt will start on November 1st, and two weeks later than that the huntsman must train his young hounds in the so-called art of hunting and killing foxes. The best way of doing this is by letting them taste blood. So before the opening hunt hounds are taken out cub-hunting. This is the side the hunting fraternity do not want the public to see or hear about.

Cubbing is an established practice in foxhunting. It involves the hunt taking young hounds to a small wood where there will be a litter of fox cubs. Firstly, hunt supporters will position themselves around the wood. The huntsman and staff then take the young hounds inside the surrounded wood. As the huntstaff and hounds make their way through the wood, the young, inexperienced cubs will run away from them and if a cub is seen leaving the wood it will be frightened back in by the mounted hunt supporters, who will be shouting and

slapping their saddles with their crops. The frightened cub will then be scared into the very jaws of the hounds.

It is a terrible scene. Young hounds, lacking experience of the older hounds, are not quite sure how to deal with the cubs. They bite the cubs, but are usually bitten back. But the older hounds show them how to kill the cubs, both treating them as something to kill and something to play with. With a sordid scuffle, fur, flesh, and blood fly in all directions.

This is the young hound's education. It has been going on for hundreds of years and is still happening. It is now 1983. How much longer can a civilised community tolerate such behaviour from the sell-sinister minority intent on chasing wild animals to death? It is morally unacceptable. And with many other concerned people, will be out protesting and trying to save the helpless and defenceless animals from the hands of the hunt.

Martin Benson,  
Clydeside Hunt Saboteurs,  
44 Belsyde Avenue, Glasgow.

official hunt of the season.

NOVEMBER — Traditionally, the 1st of November heralds the start of the foxhunting season proper. The L & R hunt met at Houston, and were greeted by 130 anti-hunt demonstrators, most of whom then encircled the area and engaged in peaceful action to save any hunted foxes.



The hunt left Houston just before noon and after about 1½ hours, chased a fox to its earth. It was at this point that the hunt threats turned to serious violence. To quote from Ian once again, 'The spade brigade had already begun to dig the fox out when we all arrived' — Saboteurs tried to place themselves between the fox and its would-be killers — 'Anyone who attempted to sit down over the hole was dragged away by the terriermen. The Hunt Saboteurs response, as usual, was to place even more people around the hole in a bid to stop them from digging any further, whilst another Saboteur attempted to unblock another exit from which the fox could bolt to freedom. But this was the first hunt of the season, they had to get a fox. How could they let such a glorious day of pageantry end without at least one kill? That would be too embarrassing, they had to dig this fox out. It might be their only chance.' The terriermen were desperate, and desperate men can be dangerous. They tried, in vain, to scare the Saboteurs away with verbal abuse. In desperation and frustration

and Renfrewshire's (L & R) 'cubbing' degenerated into a series of miniature hunts making for very poor training for young foxhounds. Over these two months hunt officials and supporters continuously threatened Saboteurs with violence. Seven officials, including Secret Hunt staff, huntsman and terrierman have been convicted for assault on Saboteurs once again their threats became reality with the f

at their inability to kill this fox, using branches and spades they began to lash out at their opponents.

## HUNT THUG BROUGHT TO BOOK



HUNT VIOLENCE IN SCOTLAND: A supporter of the Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire FH wades in with a stick (left). The seated saboteur (right) had his cheekbone smashed by John Waters' spade.

By the time Police arrived, two Saboteurs, both of whom were out on their very first hunt, were lying virtually motionless on the ground. One had been severely bruised, the other, hit in the face with a spade and concussed! - Both Saboteurs had to be taken to hospital by ambulance. The Saboteur who had been assaulted with the spade had to undergo emergency surgery to rebuild a multi-fractured cheekbone. Due to brave and determined intervention by Saboteurs THIS FOX ESCAPED THE BLOODLUST OF THE HUNT - 'The hunt continued until about half past two when they gave up in despair. They had lost their hounds and had not killed one fox. We had won the day but at what cost to us? Our ideal of nonviolent opposition had stood tall, but two of our friends had fallen.....The truth behind the pageantry and red coats is that foxhunting is a very cruel and dangerous 'sport' that relies upon a 'bloodlust'. They revel in death and violence. Surely it must be time for them to abandon the killing fields. Parliament could ban bloodsports. It is up to you, isn't it? The Hunt Saboteurs are trying.' Thankfully both Ian and Paul recovered fully; indeed a dazed but very determined Ian was back out to Sabotage the following Saturday's hunt. We had to wait until 23rd Jun '87 for the consequent Sheriff Court appearance of John Waters, the hunt terrierman. Despite boasting to other hunters, about his part in the vicious assault, Waters, who was actually disowned by the hunt Secretary, Grant Forrest (who also has a criminal record for assault on a sixteen year old female Saboteur) pled 'Not Guilty'. The Sheriff saw through the hunt's tissue of lies and, after an emotive plea by his/

Solicitor against a custodial sentence, he received a fine of £300. It will be interesting to see what effect (if any) this most recent fine and conviction has on the violent behaviour of the hunt officials and supporters. Meanwhile, back to the hunt.....the following Saturday, November 8th, saw another 150 protestors out against the hunt. The first time over 100 Saboteurs have attended two consecutive hunts, confirming that violence never works. In torrential rain, Saboteurs stuck 'doggedly' with hounds throughout the day ensuring another 'bl' for the hunt - NO KILLS. Saboteurs encouraged by the success of their actions, and resolved to direct their anger about the injuries to Ian and Paul in a positive way, now started to organise for the capability of sabotaging both Tuesday and Saturday meets of the L & R. ie. each and every hunt. That Tuesday 11th November, three car-loads of activists arrived at St. Brydes, near Howwood. Supporters of the hunt had already assembled but officials decided to cancel, ostensibly due to 'bad weather'. Given the torrential rain just three days before, when the L & R continued to hunt, Saboteurs claimed the credit for this cancellation.

In fact, out of a total of nine hunt meets during November, Clydeside HSA attended 8. The hunt's violence certainly had an effect which was not intended! Numbers of acti Saboteurs evened out to between 40 and 80 on each Saturday for the remainder of the year. DOUBLE THAT OF THE PREVIOUS SEASONS.

On November 15th, the hunt actually chased FOUR foxes from one wood. Sabs moved quickly into action and, after pulling hounds away from redcoats with horn and voice calls, all the foxes escaped, much to the frustration of the hunt. Later that same day after the L & R huntsman had gathered his hounds together once again, the hunt crossed through Glenniffer Braes Country Park, near Paisley. A few weeks afterwards i was discovered that a member of the public had made a written complaint about this incident to local Council officials. To their credit, Renfrew District Council, who in 1980 took a policy decision to ban the hunt from their land, took action via their Legal Section, informing the hunt, in no uncertain terms that their trespassing wo not be tolerated. At the end of the season Clydeside HSA representatives were invite to a meeting with R.D.C., where Councillors and Legal Officials re-newed their commitment against hunting and provided up-dated maps showing newly acquired land now under Council control - another HUNT FREE ZONE.

On 29th November, the hunt met at Gateside near Beith. Unfortunately, the HESSILHEAD WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTRE is situated directly in the hunt's usual path. After continuous harrassment by the hunt over the last few years, Gay and Andy Christie, who run the centre for the rehabilitation of injured wild animals, finally threatened legal action against the hunt. Significantly this action ensured the hunt gave Hessilhead a wide berth. Throughout the day Saboteurs successfully intervened on behalf of the fox - NO KILLS. It should be noted that landowners and farmers are turning increasingly against the hunt in Renfrewshire, the proprietors of Hall Farm near Howwood, for instance, are considering similar legal action, if the hunt continue to ignore repeat warnings. This concern stems from the fact that, during the previous season 1985-86, the L & R hunt dug out and killed a fox on this land despite being asked to leave by







This month, the L & R hunt stopped advertising any of their meets. They obviously did not appreciate being outnumbered by Saboteurs every Saturday, or the increasingly regular Tuesday attentions of the 'antis'. On 6th December, Saboteurs acting upon 'reliable information' sent two cars to locate the hunt, leaving the main group at a central point, in case the information proved incorrect. The hunt was indeed at Belltrees Farm, confirming our information, and were at first very complacent seeing only 10 Saboteurs. Within thirty minutes another 60 Saboteurs arrived and a very shocked hunt simply galloped with hounds the mile or so to Bowfield Country Club, boxing hounds by 1.00pm - the shortest 'hunt' of the season.

Due to the severe weather hunting was cancelled for the next three weeks until 26th December when the L & R held their traditional Boxing Day meet at Corsliehill, near Houston. Forty Saboteurs were delighted to see that the hunt and their supporters were reduced by some 50% compared with their corresponding meet for 1985. Again, NO KILLS and 1986 ended with the hunt meeting on 30th December at Meikle Cloak, from where they proceeded to hunt quite deliberately through Muirshiel Country Park. Saboteurs took photographs before taking the whole pack away from their huntsman, who spent the rest of the day trying to locate his hounds. Our evidence was subsequently shown to Council officials who assure us that the issue of hunting on Regional Council land will be investigated and dealt with as soon as possible.



Clyde-Muirshiel Regional Park

Muirshiel Country Park

Information, Trails, Picnic Areas

Ask the ranger for details of trails and picnic areas

# Renfrewshire & Lanark Hunt

On New Years Day, due to weather conditions and lack of transport, only one car load of Saboteurs were able to engage the hunt. As it happened, this proved ample allies for the fox and the meet at Gateside began 1987 as we had finished 1986 - NO KILLS and a resounding triumph for the small but committed number of Saboteurs who were able to make it to Gateside.

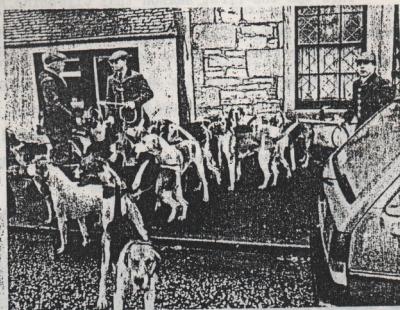
SEVERAL meets were held over the Holiday period with Boxing Day traditionally the best attended.

Nowadays, hunts are reluctant to publicise their venues because of the possibility of trouble and demonstrations from Anti Hunt Factions.

Opponents of the hunt argue that fox hunting and indeed all blood sports are cruel and unnecessary.

Landowners, owners, huntsmen and farms, on the other hand say that foxes are a nuisance and need to be kept under check.

Last year, out of approximately 40 meets, the total number of foxes actually caught by the



Hounds waiting patiently on Ne'erday morning outside a local tavern while members of Renfrewshire & Lanark Hunt had the traditional dram.

local Hunt was only in the period since the ber that number is seven and this season, beginning of Novem- Nil!!

The following article from a local newspaper summed up the L & R's season so far.

JANUARY - Once again snow and severe frost resulted in most of this months hunts being cancelled. Clydeside HSA next encountered the L & R hunt at Commore, near

Neilston on 24th January. It was soon very obvious the hunt were getting very desperate for a kill. After a relatively short chase a fox was forced to seek refuge in a drain, hounds and huntsman closing in what the hunt hoped would be a dramatic, if prolonged finish. 'Dig her out' was the cry of the redcoats as their grovelling minions with the spades arrived. The terriermen moved in to dislodge and kill their quarry. Saboteurs would not leave the fox to lie: guarding this fox by sitting over the drain entrance, refusing to leave when the Police arrived. Nine activists were charged with 'Breach of the Peace' for simply refusing to leave the fox to its fate; Carol arrested for the first time in her life, explains 'I was totally disgusted and amazed at all these people (the hunt) standing about waiting for the fox to be killed, to be murdered just for "sport" - they were enjoying the situation: what pleasure can people get out of such suffering? I was going to get arrested - THIS was worth getting arrested for, and I'll do it again to try and save the life of any persecuted animal or person.' Carol and Clydeside HSA proved true to their non-violent but direct principle - they accepted arrest but SAVED THE FOX.

## Nine are arrested at local foxhunt

HUNT saboteurs had a field day in the searching a trapped fox. But according to police their act of protection ended with nine people being arrested.

A team of protesters brought hawks to the Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire Hunt which set off near to Commore Farm, Neilston, at the weekend.

But as the army of horses and dogs reached Keeper's Lodge Road the pursued fox took shelter in an underground pipe.

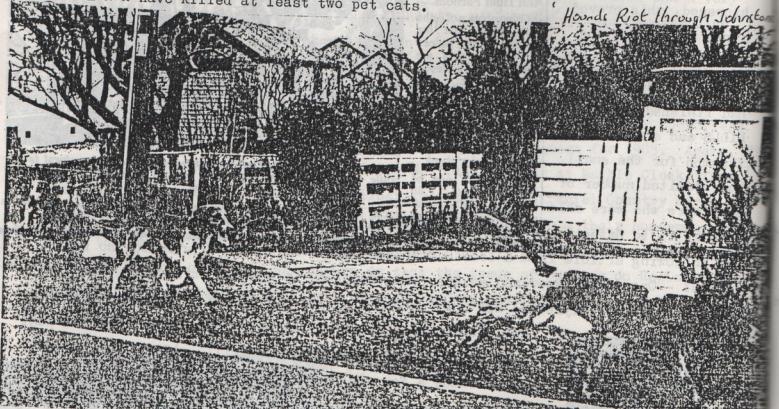
Seemingly, words became muted between sides when the protesters kept huntsmen and their dogs at bay.

Later a police spokesman said nine people were arrested ... and they will appear in court at a later date.

And the cunning fox ... it escaped unscathed.

FEBRUARY - During February, out of possible eight hunts, Saboteurs attended six. This was the first season that Clydeside HSA had proved capable of sabotaging both Tuesday and Saturday hunts on a regular basis. On 7th February, we were joined by comrades from the newly formed Cumbrian HSA. Midway through the day, hounds were pulled away from a fox which had fled through a Johnstone Housing Estate, its tormentors in hot pursuit. Had Saboteurs not been present, not only may this fox had died, but local pets may also have fallen victim to the jaws of the hounds. Also the L & R have killed at least two pet cats.

Hounds Riot Through Johnstone



The Cumbrian Saboteurs, whom we had met last month whilst participating in a Border T.V. debate about foxhunting, returned from their first action in Scotland to organise the first locally initiated sabotage of the Coniston Foxhunt. A group of Clydeside Saboteurs travelled to Cumbria on 21st February to engage in a well organised day of action against the Coniston hunt, resulting in a 'blank' day for this fell pack - NO KILLS.

Back home in Renfrewshire, an unusual and very satisfying incident highlighted the 1st February meet, when the hunt, leaving from the Gryffe Hotel, Bridge of Weir, lost a fox after successful intervention by Saboteurs between here and Kilmalcolm: whilst a couple of Saboteurs were confronted by an unpleasant group of terriermen who tried to debate the pros and cons of fox control, the fox itself ran directly behind the terriermen and escaped as the latter struggled to put together a coherent argument! The fox obviously decided s/he did not require to be controlled !! During this exchange when their quarry escaped unnoticed, the terriermen boasted that, 'We (the hunt) have got four (foxes) so far.' Assuming this claim to be correct, which it may not be, there was even fewer than last season when the hunt claimed seven. It also served to re-double our group's resolve to ensure no more foxes died at the hands of the hunt for the rest of the season.

MARCH - There were four hunt meets scheduled for the remainder of the L & R's season, 3rd, 7th, 10th and 14th of March. Clydeside HSA made sure that all were attended.

determined organisation meant that all the final six hunts were successfully sabotaged by the HSA (given our attentions on 24th and 28th February). The hunt of 7th March was cancelled due to heavy snow, therefore Saboteurs, once again accompanied by our friends from the fells of Cumbria, raced across the Central belt of Scotland in time to support the Edinburgh Saboteurs, who were ensuring the Linlithgow and Stirling shire Foxhunt failed to kill on their final meet of the season near Balerno.

Saturday 14th March brought us to the L & R's last hunt of the season at West Glen Farm near Kilmalcolm. NO FOXES HAD BEEN KILLED BY THE L & R WHENEVER SABOTEURS WERE THERE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. The stage was therefore set for a very tense encounter with the hunt: Saboteurs determined no fox would die; hunt officials determined to satisfy their bloodlust on this, their final meet.

Hounds entered the first wood and apparently picked up a strong 'scent'; just where a Saboteur had laid a false trail (using fox bedding from an Edinburgh contact). This tactic worked well for a full forty minutes until the huntsman realised he was being taken for a ride in more than one sense! Hounds were gathered after 'rioting' after a Roe Deer which fortunately escaped, were eventually taken to another wood further from the meet.

For Louise, this was her first season as a Hunt Saboteur and she too was desperately keen to ensure it did not end with a kill. The following is an account of the subsequent event; a personal and emotive account for which the writers make no apology:

'Pretty soon it became evident that something was going on in the wood. Myself and a handful of Saboteurs climbed over the dividing fence and past the field (the term field is given to mounted followers of the hunt) who were still waiting around. They hadn't done anything else all day. As we drew nearer to the fence surrounding the wood, I could hear the dogs in 'full cry'. I began to feel sick and began and started shaking with fear. I clutched my friend's hand. I told her I was frightened and didn't know what to do. She just kept telling me it would be alright and we climbed the fence and entered the wood. Standing all around were hunt officials who started obstructing us and giving verbal abuse. I was terrified, I thought a redcoat was going to hit my friend. We were clutching onto each other; they were making fun of us because of this. Gerry, another Saboteur who was in front of us, arrived at the fox earth. The dogs were scrabbling and barking at the earth. Gerry jumped down into the earth and started pulling out the hounds. I really started to panic, I could feel my fear and anger all rising up inside me. When I looked around all I could see were terriermen, their dogs and other hunters. They didn't care; they were laughing and smiling. The next thing I realised I had started to cry; I felt so helpless: there was a fox down there with hounds and hunt waiting for the kill, the huntsmen was calling, 'Dig him out boys', suddenly I lost control and started to scream for people to help us. Now other Saboteurs had reached the scene and some went to the help of Gerry. The rest of us sat down in the earth to keep the hounds and terriermen out. Someone was trying to calm me down. Hunt officials were laughing at me, but soon stopped as more and more Saboteurs piled into the earth. I cried out for more people to join us - suddenly there were over THIRTY determined Saboteurs in and around the fox's refuge. WE had taken control and /

were defending OUR fox. The Police, called by a now frustrated hunt came into the wood and asked us to leave. Everyone appreciated the possible consequences but assured the Police, who by now had the landowners representative with them, that we were not moving. The atmosphere between the Saboteurs was fantastic, everyone was so positive. The Police, realising our determination, then spoke to the hunt officials saying that WE were not going to move and therefore they (the hunt) would have to! The hunt were really angry about this, but the Police stressed the fact that there were just too many Saboteurs to make effective arrests and they therefore had no alternative but to ask everyone to leave. With no alternative, the hunt in a very angry mood, reluctantly left - WE'D WON!

Louise's words and feelings clearly need no explanation - a very dejected hunt moved away, half heartedly casting their hounds into a wood near Houston where another Saboteur group took the pack away from their huntsman using effective horn calls almost immediately. Ironically some stray hounds did manage to 'put up' a fox with the huntsman nowhere near. Only one hunt supporter saw the fox, but as he hurried off to find a redcoat (hollering was useless as hunt officials would assume it was Saboteurs calling to mislead them!) Saboteurs called hounds off allowing this fox to escape easily. Saboteurs action at the would-be dig out lasted a full hour and it was now just after 2.00pm. By 2.30pm, the hunt conceded defeat, gathering hounds (having lost many), and returning via the road with a Police escort to the Houston Kennels CLYDESDALE HSA HAD WON THE DAY AND THE SEASON.



A statistical analysis of 1986-87 foxhunting season in Renfrewshire.

Possible L & R hunts	39
Cancelled	13 (HSA claim at least one of these was due to our unexpected arrival at the meet)
Actual L & R hunting days	26
Hunts attended by HSA	23 (of which 4 were cancelled when HSA arrived - 3 genuinely to bad weather, one, as above)
Hunts effectively sabbed	19

Number of foxes 'claimed' 4 (As stated these are only claims and not witnessed kills)

Hunts not sabotaged	7
Number of foxes killed whilst Saboteurs were Present	0

CONCLUSION - We see then that the L & R foxhunt enjoyed only seven days hunting which were free from the attentions of Hunt Saboteurs. Assuming the hunt claims to be correct, then, only four foxes were killed in the name of 'sport' throughout the season. To the best of our knowledge, this is the most unsuccessful season the L & R have ever had and obviously belies their claim that the hunt is a significant controlling factor of the fox - were the reader to assume (wrongly we believe) that any fox control was in fact necessary.

From an alternative viewpoint however, we often hear it said that the L & R are a poor 'non-killing' hunt. This opinion, we suggest is incorrect and, in support of our argument, ask the reader to consider that, firstly, if it were not for our direct intervention at digouts, the total number of kills would have been at least DOUBLED (Saboteurs intervened at a minimum of four digouts and, remember, there are often more than one fox in any refuge); secondly, the hunt claim four kills, FOUR TOO MANY and an average of one every second hunt while Saboteurs were not around. Consider, then, the outcome if Clydeside HSA had not been around for the majority of the hunts.

Bloodsports abolition is our aim BUT until an acceptable Law reaches the Statute Book there is only one way to combat foxhunting - BY DIRECTLY ENGAGING EACH HUNT EVERY TIME THEY TRY TO KILL. This was Clydeside Hunt Saboteurs most successful season ever: YOU/

CAN ENSURE THAT OUR GROUP GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH UNTIL FOXHUNTING IN RENFREWSHIRE IS MADE COMPLETELY UNTHINKABLE. Then, the Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire Foxhunt will have a choice - to either cease to exist - Most people do not want them anyway - or change to a 'draghunt' (following a false trail where no animal dies). If you wish to join and/or support Clydeside Hunt Saboteurs, please contact us at Clydeside Hunt Saboteurs, P O Box 307, Glasgow.

This report was compiled by Clydeside HSA. They (the hunt) have told The Hunt while readily acknowledging this, but the Police informed the fact that there were

## Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire Fox Hounds

WILL MEET AT 11.30 a.m.

NOVEMBER, 1986

Sat.	1	Houston House	*Mr. G. Forrest
		Opening Meet 11 a.m.	
Tue.	4	Monabrock	
Sat.	8	Mid Gavin	*Mrs. R. Campbell
Tue.	11	St. Brydes	
Sat.	15	Bird in Hand	*Mr. N. Oliver
Tue.	18	Gryffe Arms	
Sat.	22	Lugton Inn	*Mr. J. Love
Tue.	25	West Kilbride	
Sat.	29	Gateside	*Mrs. A. Muirhead

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To hunt's sake  
from friend  
the fox

\*Gate Shutter

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER, 1986

Sat.	1	Tally Ho Ball — Johnstone Town Hall
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## Terrier Men

The things with spades and terriers are a part of every Hunt. Not for them, riding across country following the foot. They follow the tracks. The Law-breakers dogs awaiting a call from the Huntsman when the exhausted fox finds an 'unstoppable' refuge. The terrier men then put their dogs down and assist in 'holding' the fox until the force is forced to run again for its life. If the fox returns to hold position because it is physically incapable or is defending its cubs, the terrier men keep it pinned down until the hunting men to dig deeper into it. When the fox is exposed it may be shot, or thrown alive to the waiting hounds or put into a sack and taken some distance away to be released for further hunting. Investigations have witnessed all three practices and full admissions that these methods have been made by leading huntsmen. Another nasty little trick employed by these people is the cutting of the captured fox's testicles to prevent the fox from breeding for the hounds to chase.

Trailing is worn blood to the hounds no chance of escape. Huntsmen of course deny the existence of such practices as 'bagging foxes' but the evidence of disguised fox hunters and our own filmed evidence renders the facts indisputable.

The thing is to doubt that these brutal terrier men are not content with torturing foxes. Many use their dogs for the illegal "sports" of badger digging and baiting.

The offences which reach the courts are only the tip of the iceberg. We know that some (old school) fox hunters are privately appalled at the cruelty of terrier men. Occasionally, some are even compelled to reveal their fears publicly, former hunt enthusiast J.M.P. Watson, wrote in "The Field" in October 1982:

"Clearly the burgeoning of the (supporters) clubs has produced a considerable growth in the 'Terrier-and-spade brigade'. It seems to me a great shame that now, when foxhunting has so many enemies and we are endeavouring to present an image of fair play and humaneness, that there is greater callousness than ever before."

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